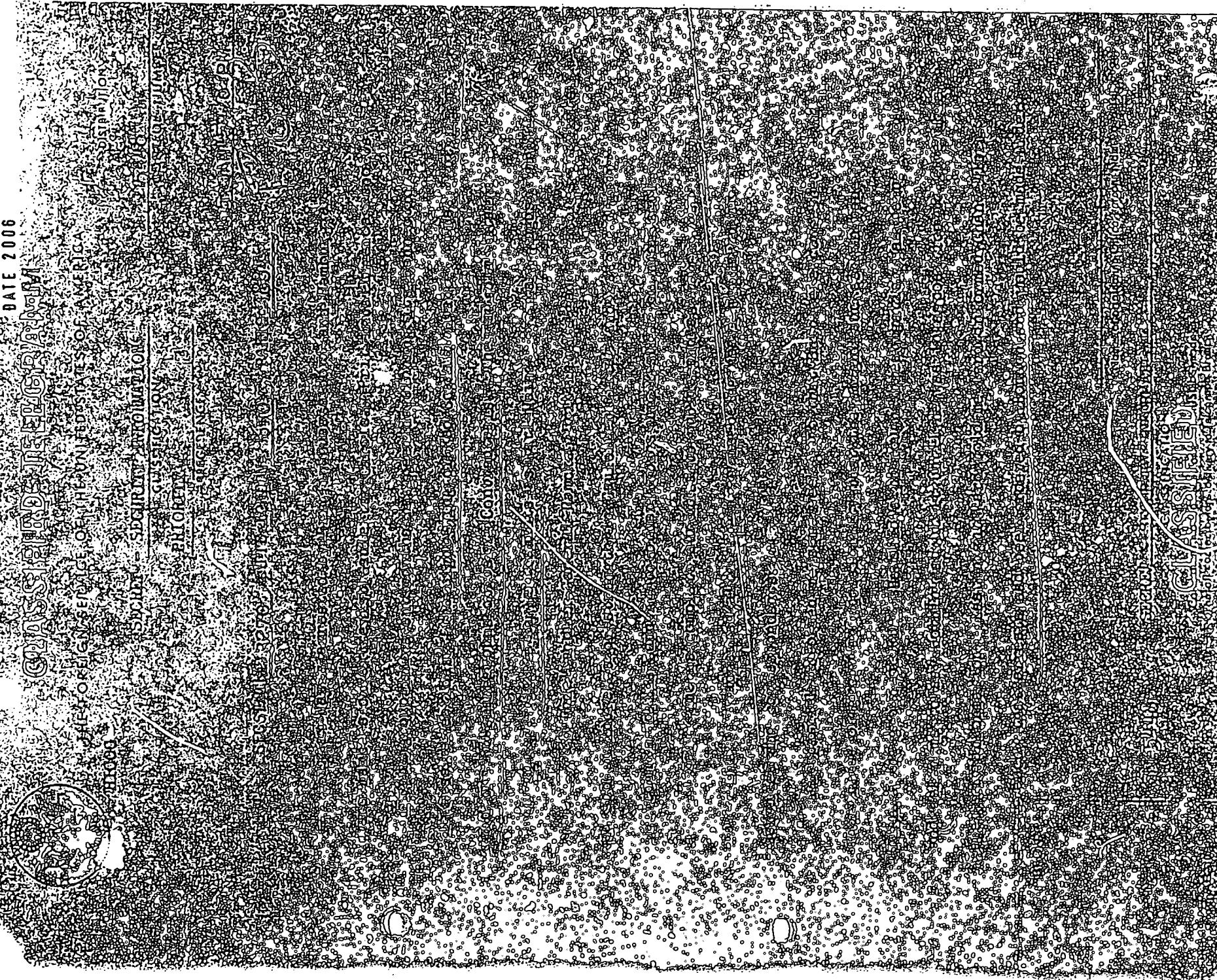


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under reserved powers of Govt Statute as it was feared if Ger's made arrests under Treason Law it would be more difficult to obtain evidence of conspiracy. He asked that I keep info to myself until today as Brit security officials could not be sure that timing and other details might have to be changed at last minute.

Ward sent me word today to say Chancellor when informed of proposed move raised no objections and said he understood reasons for it. Ward is sending me memorandum giving more info on reasons for arrested. He reports arrests were made quietly and no disturbances created.

I am somewhat concerned lest press play of this incident be interpreted in terms. I hope that if queried Dept will be cautious in its responses until at least we have further info promised by Brit on what they have discovered. It remains to be seen whether they have hold of something which leads into SA world or whether Gauleiter Circle is of local and limited significance.

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